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SECTION OF HORTICULTURE AND BOTANY
OF THE ASSOCIATION OF AGRICUL-
TURAL COLLEGES AND EX-
PERIMENT STATIONS.

THE meeting of the Section of Horticulture and Botany of the Association of Agricultural Colleges and Experiment Stations convened in New Haven, Connecticut, November 13th, with S. A. Beach, as Chairman, and Professor P. H. Rolfs, as Secretary. The program was as follows:

1. 'The Function of the Station Botanist,' Dr. George E. Stone, Amherst, Mass.; Discussion led by Professor P. H. Rolfs, Clemson College, S. C.

2. 'Plant Physiology in its Relation to Agriculture and Horticulture,' Albert F. Woods, Chief of Division of Vegetable Physiology and Pathology, Washington, D. C.

3. 'Grasses and Forage Plant Investigation in Experiment Stations and the Division of Agrostology,' Thomas A. Williams, Division of Agrostology, Washington, D. C.

4. Instructional Work. (a) 'Laboratory and Field Work for Students in Horticulture,' Professor E. S. Goff, Madison, Wis. (b) 'The Nature Study Movement,' Professor L. H. Bailey, Ithaca, N. Y. (c) 'The Educational Status of Horticulture,' Professor Fred. W. Card, Kingston, R. I.

5. Variety Testing and Plant Breeding. (a) 'Progress of Variety Testing in Experiment Station Work,' Professor F. William Rane, Durham, N. H. (b) 'What our Experiment Stations have done in Originating Varieties of Plants by Crossing and Selection,' Dr. B. D. Halsted, New Brunswick, N. J. (c) 'The Relation of the Section of Seed and Plant Introduction to Experiment Stations,' Jared G. Smith, Section of Seed and Plant Introduction, Washington, D. C. (d) Discussion led by Dr. Walter T. Swingle, Washington, D. C., and Professor Willet M. Hays, St. Anthony Park, Minn.

6. 'A Vegetable House arranged for Pot Experiments,' Mr. W. E. Britton, Horticulturist, New Haven, Conn.

THE ANNUAL CONGRESS OF THE GERMAN
ANTHROPOLOGICAL SOCIETY.*

THE Thirty-first Congress of the German Anthropological Society was held in the University town of Halle from September 24-27. In addition to its rich University collections, a special interest is attached to Halle as being

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the seat of the oldest German society for encouraging the study of natural science, viz., the Leopoldina-Carolina Academy, which is thus comparable to the Royal Society in this country. To the students of prehistoric archeology, the Prussian province of Saxony is chiefly interesting from the fact of the existence of the copper-mines at Eisleben, some little distance from Halle. The meetings were held under the presidency of Professor Virchow, assisted by Professor Ranke. At the opening session on Monday, September 24th, the presidential address (dealing with the general progress of anthropological study and teaching) was followed by a series of addresses from representatives of the University and town of Halle, of which that of the local secretary, Dr. Förtsch, is particularly noteworthy as containing a sketch of local prehistoric archeology, a field of research in which Dr. Förtsch has been particularly active, and which he has popularized with evident success. Of the subsequent communications to the Congress, the majority which dealt with archeology, there appear to us most worthy of mention the discussion opened by Professor Virchow on the 'Earliest Appearance of the Slavs in Germany,' and the account (illustrated with excellent lantern slides) given by Dr. Birkner (Munich) of the investigation of the graves of the German emperors in Speyer. Professor v. Fritzsche (Halle) and Dr. Lehmann-Nitzsche (La Plata) rendered interesting accounts of discoveries of prehistoric man in Thuringia and in the Argentine respectively, the latter record being still the subject of investigation as regards the exact antiquity (Tertiary period) claimed for the find.

It is a matter of some surprise that the department of physical anthropology should not have been the subject of more papers than were actually presented at Halle, which University claims the two Meckels and Welcker among its former professors of anatomy. The chief contributions to this subject were those of Dr. Schmidt-Monnard (Halle) on the relation between the growth and the weight of children of both sexes; of Dr. Eisler (Halle) on the *Musculus sternalis*; and of Professor Klaatsch (Heidelberg) on the method of research adopted by anatomists, illustrated specifically by obser-